

Section 4.0 Environmental Childcare Subsection 4.2.3 Sewage for Family Childcare Homes	Page 1 of 1 Revised May 2008
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SEWAGE

Providers must meet all state and local sewage regulations

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- Community sewage systems are regulated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- Private sewage systems are regulated by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).
- Private sewage systems with surfacing or improperly treated sewage accessible to the children are prohibited.
- Blocked waste water drain lines must be repaired immediately
- Providers may not operate if clogged or broken main sewage lines cannot be repaired by temporary measures.

Reason

Malfunctioning septic systems can spread disease and are a hazard to the children in care. Sewage, if not treated and properly contained, can contaminate drinking water supplies. Pets may track through the sewage and then jump up on the children. If close to the area, malfunctioning sewage systems can contaminate play equipment such as balls.

Correction Time Frames

Facilities with plumbing that is nonfunctional in the house cannot operate. Facilities that have sewage surfacing in or around the play area cannot let the children play in the area and must have the system fixed within thirty (30) days. Systems that do not pose a direct hazard to the children may have several months to repair the system. Correction time frame depends on the time of year and the condition of the soil.